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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Responsibilities Related to Disarmament

1. On 7 June I discussed with the staff a memorandum from the DD/I to SA/PC/DCI regarding CIA responsibilities related to disarmament. This memorandum (attached) suggests that an intra-agency conference be called to consider how the Agency can best undertake its role with respect to possible developments in the field of disarmament. The staff was asked to write up their thoughts on this matter for purposes of a discussion within OHR. Yesterday Mr. Amory said that this memorandum was designed primarily to alert the collectors, but indicated that Offices such as OHR should also give some thought to their responsibilities in the event that some form of disarmament and inspection agreement materializes.

2. The following ideas on this subject were put forward by the staff this morning:

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a. Requirements for [REDACTED] should be reviewed and modified in a way that would focus more directly on observable indicators which might reveal Soviet activities in the armaments field.

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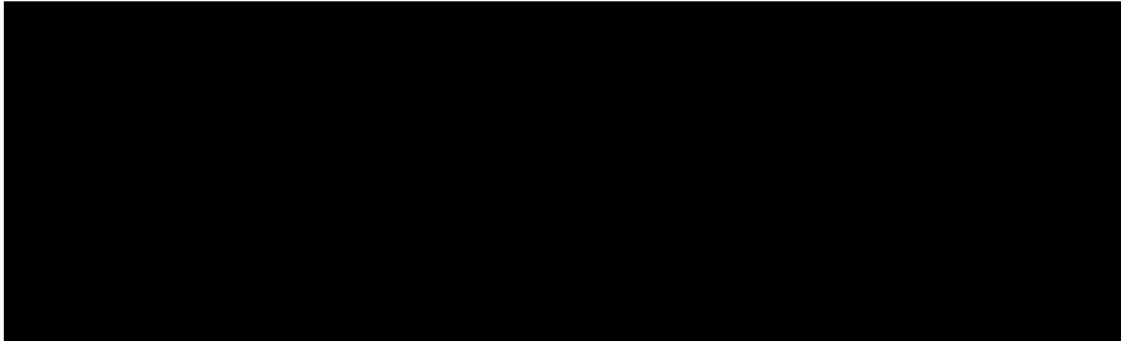
b. Our experience in [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] would indicate that some form of training for any US observation teams would be essential. In selecting candidates for these teams the advisability of nominating candidates from OHR should be considered. Moreover, OHR would be able to provide a list of former military attaches and Department of State personnel who have demonstrated their ability for observation and reporting in the field.

c. OHR would be able to provide guidance as to the facilities and installations which would be among the most sensitive indicators of Soviet activity. Consideration should be given to the question of whether registers, files, handbooks, and other background material relating to Soviet industrial activity should be prepared for use by observation teams in the field or whether most of the operational backstopping for these teams is to be provided from Washington headquarters. OHR could assist in the preparation of background materials for the field.

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e. Another point in connection with the mechanics of an inspection arrangement is the suggestion that we exchange detailed maps with the Soviets. It could be proposed that these maps show major installations and facilities and provide certain essential geographic detail. Here again this exchange would be of real value for both geographic and economic intelligence.

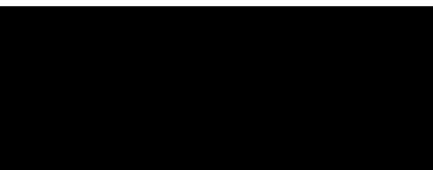
f. Certainly, one of the major problems will be the establishment of a system and a set of procedures for intelligence support. This, of course, must be meshed in with a more general system of pre-inspection planning if an agreement with the Soviets on disarmament and inspection becomes a fact. There may be considerable jockeying in the intelligence community for the lead role in such a program. It, therefore, behooves CIA to take the leadership early in the game and to establish appropriate interagency activities under CIA's direction and to establish interagency procedures for guidance and support to the inspection teams as well as procedures for the processing and evaluation of field inspection reports.

3. It was concluded at the meeting this morning that these ideas should be kept on file until such time as the SA/PC/DCI calls an intra-agency meeting to discuss the matter. Prior to such a meeting these suggestions should be reconsidered and amplified within ORR.

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